

# 17B:27A-24

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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**LAWS OF:** 2005 **CHAPTER:** 166

**NJSA:** 17B:27A-24 (Concerns small employer health benefits coverage)

**BILL NO:** S1912 (Substituted for A3379)

**SPONSOR(S):** Vitale and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** October 4, 2004

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Financial Institutions and Insurance  
**SENATE:** Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** No

**DATE OF PASSAGE:** **ASSEMBLY:** June 23, 2005  
**SENATE:** December 6, 2004

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** August 5, 2005

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

[FINAL TEXT OF BILL](#) (Original version of bill enacted)

**S1912**

[SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:](#) (Begins on page 2 of original bill) [Yes](#)

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

[SENATE:](#) [Yes](#)

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** No

**A3379**

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**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** [ASSEMBLY:](#) [Yes](#)

**SENATE:** No

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** No

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P.L. 2005, CHAPTER 166, *approved August 5, 2005*  
Senate, No. 1912

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2 amending P.L.1992, c.162.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
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10 minimum participation of eligible employees, which shall not exceed  
11 75%, or reasonable minimum employer contributions in determining  
12 whether to accept a small group pursuant to this act. The standards  
13 so established by the carrier shall be first approved by the board and  
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42 employer's minimum participation rate under NJ Small Employer  
43 Health Benefits Program.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**SENATE, No. 1912**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**211th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED OCTOBER 4, 2004

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOSEPH F. VITALE**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

**Senator STEPHEN M. SWEENEY**

**District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)**

**Assemblyman NEIL M. COHEN**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblywoman JOAN VOSS**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senators Doria, Madden, Assemblymen Manzo, Russo, Conover, Wolfe, Bateman, Biondi, Merkt, Chatzidakis, Bodine, O'Toole, Pennacchio, Gregg, DiGaetano, Thompson, Rooney, Assemblywoman Vandervalk, Assemblymen Bramnick, Munoz, Corodemus, S.Kean, Malone, Holzapfel, Doherty, Rumpf, Connors, Gibson, Dancer, DeCroce, Carroll, Baroni, Blee, Connors, Assemblywoman Cruz-Perez, Assemblymen Panter, Azzolina, Wisniewski, Caraballo, Scalera and Assemblywoman Stender**

**SYNOPSIS**

Credits coverage under Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare towards employer's minimum participation rate under NJ Small Employer Health Benefits Program.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2005)

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ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1912**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

The Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1912.

This bill amends section 8 of P.L.1992, c.162 (C.17B:27A-24), concerning a small employer carrier's specified minimum participation of eligible employees, to provide participation credit for eligible employees who have health benefits coverage through the State Medicaid and NJ FamilyCare programs, as well as coverage by a spouse's health benefits plan, Medicare and other group health plans, as the law currently allows.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1912**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2004

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1912.

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# ASSEMBLY, No. 3379

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 211th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 18, 2004

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman NEIL M. COHEN**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblywoman JOAN VOSS**

**District 38 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

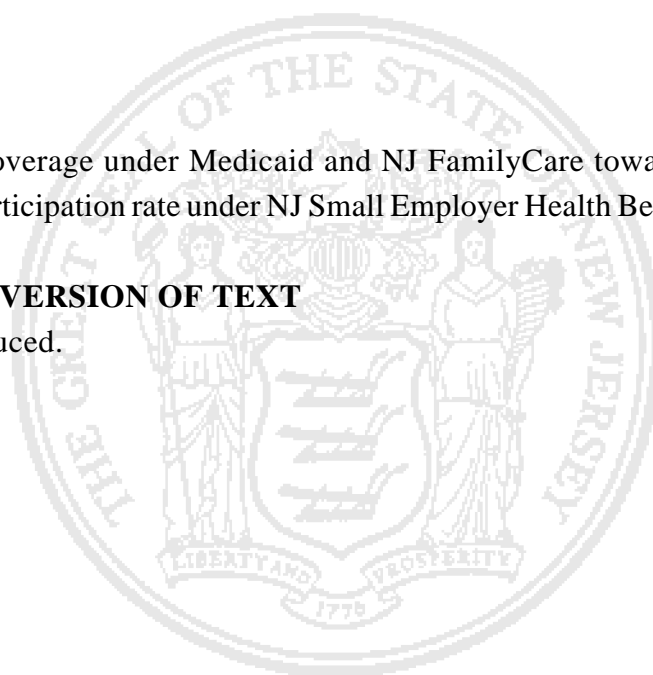
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ASSEMBLY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3379**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

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